

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 210. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 7, 1863.

I.. Before a General Court Martial, which convened at White Oak Church, Virginia, May 27, 1863, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 127, dated Headquarters, 1st Army Corps, May 22, 1863, and of which Brigadier General G. R. PAUL, U. S. Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

2d Lieutenant *Hiram S. Travis*, 143d Pennsylvania Volunteers.

CHARGE I.—“Drunkenness while on duty.”

Specification—“In this; that 2d Lieutenant *H. S. Travis*, 143d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, commanding Ambulance Train, 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 1st Army Corps, while on duty became drunk from the use of some intoxicating liquor. This near the Headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, on the morning of Monday, May 12, 1863, while en route to Bank's Ford, on the Rappahannock river, for the purpose of removing the wounded from within the enemy's lines.”

CHARGE II.—“Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.”

Specification—“In this; that 2d Lieutenant *H. S. Travis*, 143d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, (commanding Ambulance Train, 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 1st Army Corps,) while on duty became drunk from the use of some intoxicating liquor, abused and drew his sword upon two attendants who were ordered to assist him into an ambulance. This near the Headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, on the morning of Monday, May 12, 1863, while en route to Bank's Ford, on the Rappahannock river, for the purpose of removing the wounded from within the enemy's lines.”

To which charges and specifications the accused, 2d Lieutenant *Hiram S. Travis*, 143d Pennsylvania Volunteers, pleaded “Not Guilty.”

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, 2d Lieutenant *Hiram S. Travis*, 143d Pennsylvania Volunteers, as follows:

CHARGE I.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

CHARGE II.

Of the *Specification*, "Not Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Not Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, 2d Lieutenant *Hiram S. Travis*, 143d Pennsylvania Volunteers, "*To be cashiered.*"

II.. Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Falmouth, Virginia, May 15, 1863, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 106, dated Headquarters, 2d Corps, May 8, 1863, and of which Brigadier General JOHN C. CALDWELL, U. S. Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Colonel *William Northedge*, 59th New York Volunteers.

CHARGE I.—"Violation of the 7th Article of War, or attempt to excite mutiny."

Specification 1st—"In this; that the said Colonel *William Northedge* did, while under arrest, and at a time when the Regiment had received orders to get ready to move, immediately appear before Lieutenant Colonel Max A. Thoman, then in command of said Regiment, and, after asking one or two questions, did draw his sword and use threatening language toward said Lieutenant Colonel Max A. Thoman, then in command, to the effect, "I will run you through, you son of a bitch, if you don't obey my orders,' which conduct excited a mutinous spirit among divers enlisted men."

Specification 2d—"In this; that the said Colonel *William Northedge*, being under arrest, (after Lieutenant Colonel Max A. Thoman had gone to Brigade Headquarters, and left the command of the Regiment with Captain H. P. Rugg,) did call Captain Rugg a liar, and said 'draw your sword and defend yourself,' or words to that effect. Afterwards going through the same or nearly the same course of conduct with Captain William McFadden. All this in the presence of divers officers and enlisted men of the 59th Regiment New York Volunteers, at the camp, Falmouth, Virginia, on the night of the 2d day of May, 1863."

Specification 3d—"In this; that the said Colonel *William Northedge*, then under arrest, did, while the Regiment was in the face of the enemy, and directly under fire, ride along the line using language expressive of contempt for the courage of Lieutenant Colonel Max A. Thoman. This in the presence of and hearing of divers officers and enlisted men of the 59th New York Volunteers, on the morning of Sunday, May 3, 1863."

CHARGE II.—"Breach of arrest."

Specification—"In this; that the said Colonel *William Northedge* did, while under arrest, leave the camp of the Regiment and proceed to Falmouth. This at the camp near Falmouth, Virginia, on the morning of the 28th day of April, 1863."

CHARGE III.—"Drunkenness."

Specification—"In this; that he, Colonel *William Northedge*, 59th New York Volunteers, was in a state of intoxication on the evening of Saturday, May 2d, and the morning of May 3d, and did appear before his Regiment in that state. All this at or near Falmouth and Fredericksburg, Virginia."

To which charges and specifications the accused, Colonel *William Northedge*, 59th New York Volunteers, pleaded "Not Guilty."

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Colonel *William Northedge*, 59th New York Volunteers, as follows:

CHARGE I.

Of the 1st *Specification*, "Guilty, with the exception of the words 'if you don't obey my orders,' which conduct excited a mutinous spirit among divers enlisted men."

Of the 2d *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the 3d *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Not Guilty, but 'Guilty of offering violence to the commanding officer of his Regiment while he himself was under arrest.' "

CHARGE II.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

CHARGE III.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, Colonel *William Northedge*, 59th New York Volunteers, "*To be cashiered.*"

III.. The proceedings of the Court in the case of 2d Lieutenant *H. S. Travis*, 143d Pennsylvania Volunteers, have been forwarded for the action of the President of the United States, who, upon the recommendation of the Court, and of the Major General Commanding, on account of the previous good character of the accused, and his long service in the Army of the United States, directs that the sentence *to be cashiered* be mitigated to forfeiture of pay for three months.

IV.. The proceedings of the Court in the case of Colonel *William Northedge*, 59th New York Volunteers, have been disapproved by the proper commanders, the record not showing that the Court or Judge Advocate were sworn in his presence. But on the recommendation of his Commanding General, and of the Major General Commanding the Army of the Potomac, the President directs that Colonel *Northedge* be dismissed the service of the United States from the 27th day of June, 1863.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.